


BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Each year Georgians face the threat of severe weather events such as lightning, thunderstorms, floods, flash floods, hailstorms, tornadoes and hurricanes, all potentially dangerous to life, health and property; and
- WHEREAS: Urbanization and continued population growth increase the potential for these storms to cause death and destruction; and
- WHEREAS: During the past 28 years, severe weather events caused the deaths of at least 282 people in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: Numerous weather-related injuries and substantial property damage occurred in Georgia in 2004; and
- WHEREAS: It is vital that effective public education programs concerning severe weather systems and preparedness procedures continue for the benefit of all Georgians; and
- WHEREAS: Departments and agencies of the local, state and federal governments, along with volunteer and professional associations, elected leaders and news media, are committed to informing Georgia citizens about safety and severe weather preparedness procedures so that they may better protect themselves, their families and their neighbors; now
- THEREFORE: I, Sonny Perdue, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the week of February 19-25, 2006, as "SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK" in Georgia, and encourage our citizens to become more aware of severe weather safety measures and to participate in the various awareness programs scheduled during the week, such as "Family Protection Day" on Monday, February 20 and the "Statewide Severe Weather Drill" on Wednesday, February 22.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand six.



  
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ATTEST

  
CHIEF OF STAFF